



Prince George's County Council

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Report of the Standing Committee - Final Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

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Thursday, March 13, 2025

1:30 PM

Committee Room 2027

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ORDER OF PROCEEDING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Watson at 1:36 pm with 4 members present at roll call.

Present: 5 - Chair Ingrid Watson, Vice Chair Sydney Harrison, Council Member Thomas Dernoga, Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins and Council Member Krystal Oriadha

LEGISLATION[CB-016-2025](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS for the purpose of prohibiting the County Police and Fire/EMS departments from disqualifying applicants for uniformed positions solely on the basis of a positive screening for cannabis/marijuana.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha

A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Hawkins and Oriadha

[CB-005-2025](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM WAGE INDEXING for the purpose of indexing Prince George's County's minimum wage to the Consumer Price Index and addressing the adverse impact on Direct Support Professionals.

Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Oriadha and Ivey

A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Hawkins and Oriadha

[CR-009-2025](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING RELATED TO MILL BRANCH CROSSING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT for the purpose of approving a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) proposal and certifications pursuant to CR-21-2019 to the extent to be required under CB-64-2024 and complying with the requirements of CB-51-2022, as applicable as described.

Sponsor(s): Watson, Ivey and Fisher

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga and Hawkins

Abstain: 1 - Oriadha

[CR-010-2025](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS, GENERAL SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES - SALARY SCHEDULE G for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect modified pay rates for General Schedule Employees.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Fisher, Dernoga and Watson

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Resolution be held. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Hawkins and Oriadha

[CR-011-2025](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the continuation of certain military leave benefits and the eligibility requirements for certain military leave benefits.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Fisher, Oriadha, Watson and Olson

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Hawkins and Oriadha

[CR-012-2025](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO APPROVED POSITION GRADES for the purpose of adjusting the number of positions in certain grades in the Office of Human Rights, Department of Family Services and the Office of the State's Attorney.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Oriadha, Watson and Fisher

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Hawkins and Oriadha

[CB-011-2025](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CANNABIS REINVESTMENT AND RESTORATION BOARD for the purpose of increasing the size of the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board; providing appointing authority to at-large Council members; and setting the initial term of members appointed by an at-large Council member.

Sponsor(s): Ivey and Hawkins

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Hawkins and Oriadha

[CB-018-2025](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING TAXES ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES - USE OF REVENUE for the purpose of imposing an excise tax on certain telecommunications service to be used instead of a sales and use tax and generally relating to taxes on telecommunication services and funding requirements in primary and secondary education.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be amended (1). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Watson, Harrison and Hawkins

Abstain: 2 - Dernoga and Oriadha

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Favorably reported out with recommended amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Watson, Harrison and Hawkins

Nay: 1 - Oriadha

Abstain: 1 - Dernoga

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Hawkins that this meeting be adjourned.